



United
Women
in Faith

Horizon News

*soon to be Capital River District
(formerly Brookhaven District, District 7, District C)*

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, President

Barbara Franklin, Editor

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PURPOSE of the UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH!

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian Spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

Change And Growth

Growth and Change

Change and growth are essential aspects of our journey as Christians.

We often find ourselves navigating transitions, be it in our personal lives, our faith journey, or relationships. The Bible provides us with myriad insights that can guide us through these changes and encourage us to embrace growth in our lives.

As we dwell on scriptures, let's open our hearts and minds to the many transformative messages God has for us. May we not only read God's word, but also reflect and act upon these beautiful promises from God's Word.

Embracing Change

When we think about the concept of change, it can be both intimidating and exciting. In our spiritual walk, we are challenged to embrace change as a part of our growth journey. God often asks us to trust Him when things shift around us. By anchoring ourselves in His Word, we learn that change is not to be feared; instead, it is an opportunity to cultivate deeper faith.

Embracing change means letting go of comfort and stepping into the unknown while believing that God has a perfect plan for us.

As we experience change and growth together, we can find comfort in knowing we are not alone during times of transformation.

***“Being confident of this,
that he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until
the day of Christ Jesus.”***

– Philippians 1:6

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Greetings from your Vice-President

I submitted my first article for the February, 2020 Horizon, and now I submit my last article for the September, 2025 Horizon. I want to thank Barbara Franklin for the outstanding job she has done in publishing this newsletter. It is always beautifully and professionally done.

As I reflect over the past 5 1/2 years, I am filled with gratitude for each of the ladies who have served on the Brookhaven District/District C/District 7 Leadership Team. Your dedication, faithfulness, and willingness to serve have been a shining example of Christ's love in action. The example you set---through your commitment, collaboration, and compassion---reminds us what true leadership looks like.

Although we will no longer meet together as a leadership team, we will, hopefully, see and continue to work with each other at the upcoming UWF events in 2026. As we begin this next "chapter" of UWF (larger district, new leaders, new year), may you be refreshed in your spirit, strengthened in your faith, and filled with joy as you continue to follow His calling.

With love and appreciation,

Yvonne Howell

Vice-President

Secretary

It is with a little pang that I write my final Horizon entry as I am stepping down as district secretary at the end of this year. I have served the Brookhaven District/ District 7/District C (whatever you want to call us!) for the past 10 years as your secretary and I feel like I know many of you (mainly from my harassing emails/calls every fall to get directory updates)!! With that being said....I have not been notified by the conference yet if I'll be doing the local officer updates this year or if the soon to be elected Capital River Secretary will be handling for 2026-regardless you all know the drill!! When you get the local officer update form PLEASE complete it asap and return it to the district secretary BEFORE the deadline so she has time to get it entered in and submitted to the conference secretary.

Our social action project for 2025 is: The Methodist Children's Home.

This is a wonderful extension of our project last year (human trafficking) as the Children's Home is heavily involved in this ministry as well. Please check out the article from our District Social Action officer, Dianne Boyd. She has included several items that the Methodist Children's Home has on their wish list. Please have your local unit support this mission project by sending items directly to the Children's Home or bringing the item/gift cards/monetary donations/etc to the 9/13/25 District Annual Meeting at Adams.

Don't forget to email/text Yvonne or I if you plan to attend so that we can give the host church a head count for refreshments. I REALLY want to see several of you there for our Annual Meeting.

Angie Weems

District Secretary

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Treasurer

Hello Ladies,

As we transition from summer to fall, let's harness the vibrant energy of the season to ignite inspiring ideas, practical tools, and thought provoking insights that empower us to embody the light within and around us. May this new chapter spark meaningful conversations and inspire us to nurture growth in our faith journeys.

This year has brought significant changes to our district - a new Superintendent, name changes, and redistricting. Yet, we remain resilient and united.

I am pleased to share that our district has submitted its third quarter report to the conference treasurer. We're also grateful for the opportunity to participate in the candle burning ceremony, symbolizing our collective light. Our district candle will burn for 15 minutes.

Thank you to all contributors who made this possible.

Warm regards,

Debra Sturgis-Stamps

District Treasurer

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We appreciate your ongoing prayers and support for Brookhaven District United Women in Faith, District 7, District C and our future name as Capital Rivers, beginning in January.

Real questions we should answer today



Did I offer peace today?
Did I bring a smile to someone's face?
Did I say words of healing?
Did I let go of my anger and resentment?
Did I forgive?
Did I love?'

These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will be many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.

Henri Nouwen

Submitted by Deaconess Earnestine Varnado

Committee on *Nominations*

Social Action

Hello Ladies,

Our Social action project continues from last year. Methodist Children's Home of MS is bringing hope and healing to hurting children. We are asking for your support of this project. You can donate at Amazon Wishlist. Some of the items are arts and craft items, school items, hygiene and snacks. It has been an honor to serve as your social action coordinator . Hope to see you at mission U.

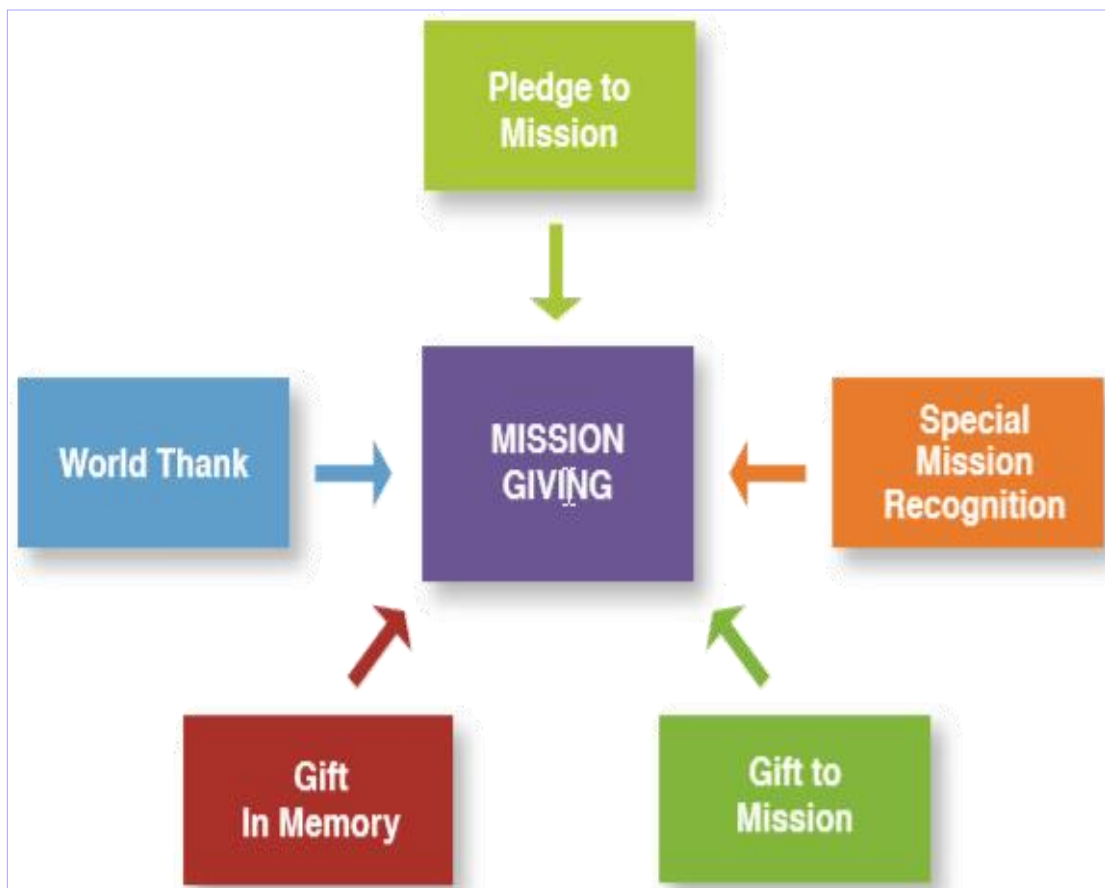
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FIVE CHANNELS OF GIVING





August 12, 2025

ALL District 7 UWF Ladies, you are cordially invited.....

What: District 7 UWF Mission u

When: Saturday, September 13, 2025

Registration @ 9:30 A.M.

Meeting begins @ 10:00 A.M.

Where: Adams United Methodist Church

3655 Jackson Liberty Drive

Summit, MS 39666

Registration: \$10 per person

Details: This meeting will be a summarized version of the Conference Mission u. The book title is Practicing Hope by Tabatha Holley (if you would like to purchase the book). However, handouts will be available at the meeting. Light breakfast refreshments will be served and the meeting will conclude at noon.

RSVP: Please notify Yvonne or Angie and let them know your plans to attend.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SEPTEMBER 13TH!

Bring a friend with you to learn more about Practicing Hope in today's world!



Mississippi
United
Women
in Faith

37th Annual Meeting

October 03-04, 2025

St. Paul United Methodist Church
210 E. 6th Street | Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Theme: "Practicing Hope"
Scripture-Luke 24:13-14

Name

Address

City/State

Zip Code

Phone

District

Church

Check as many of the following as applicable:

Local Officer: Name of Office

District Officer: Name of Office

Conference Officer: Name of Office

Past Conference President of UMW, WSCS, Guild

Voting Delegate (See Standing Rule A1, Page 70)

Food Allergies

\$50.00 Registration Fee includes lunch (NO ONSITE REGISTRATION)

\$30.00 Registration Fee NO LUNCH (Friday & Saturday registration)

*** (Print form off and mail with your form of payment)

Mail this form with Checks/Money Orders to: **MS Conference UWF**, 616 Carson Drive, Byram, MS 39272

Make Checks and Money orders payable to **MS Conference UWF**

Registration Deadline: September 5, 2025

Please wear purple on Saturday to show support for the MS UWF goal to "Address Domestic Violence"

Hotel Information and Link:

Holiday Inn Express-Hattiesburg West 209 Thornhill Drive

Hattiesburg, MS 39401

601-602-5502

Group Code: UWF **Booking Link:** United Women in Faith Booking Link

DEADLINE FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 12, 2025.

Reservations made after this date will not receive the group rate.

NOTE: This link is not for the Leadership Team. Please notify Berenda, if you are attending the Annual Meeting no later than September 5, 2025.>

Any questions or problems, please contact: Virginia Case, UWF

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Communications Corner

The district newsletter is sent free to District and Conference officers, all local unit Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. Please contact me if you should be and are not receiving **THE HORIZON**. You can receive **THE HORIZON** for one year by donating \$4.00. Send payment to Debra Stamps, District Treasurer, checks payable to the Brookhaven District UMW. **THE HORIZON** is published three (3) times a year.

Our deadlines and publication dates will be listed below.

NEWSLETTER DATES

Information Deadline **Publish Date**

This is my last issue as Communications Coordinator for the District, I have served 14 years in this role and I pray much success to our new Coordinator. My heartfelt thanks to the District leadership and the Women of our district, for your dedication and patience. Thank you Yvonne Howell and Angie Weems for guiding our district after the passing of President Jimmie Sartin. I, We, are forever grateful for your willingness to embrace change and lead. As Ms. Jimmie would say, "somebody's got to do it" and you did! God Bless our newly formed District (leadership and each unit) to continue his work until the Day of Christ.

Blessings,

Barbara Franklin

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